

Application No. 10/502,272
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 and 6-19 are pending in the present application.

- Claim 10 is allowed.
- Claim 6, 12, and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.
- Claims 1-4, 7-9, 11, 13-16, 18 and 19 are rejected.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claim 10 is allowable and that claims 6, 12, and 17 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of former **claim 6**, which has in turn been canceled. **Claim 8** has been amended to include the limitations of former **claim 12**, which has in turn been canceled. **Claim 9** has been amended to include the limitations of former **claim 17**, which has in turn been canceled.

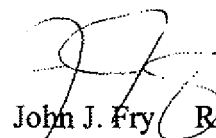
As the foregoing amendments address all of the outstanding rejections, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-4 and 7-11, 13-16, 18, and 19 distinguish patentably an non-obviously over the prior art of record. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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